

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 25, lines 1 through 11 as follows:

Example 5

PNPP in AMPD Buffer

The following concentrations of PNPP were prepared in AMPD buffer.

The solutions were admixed for 4 hours protected from light at room temperature. The solutions were then stored at 4°C overnight. The solutions as prepared are summarized below in Table V.

Table V

0.5 g AMPD	0.5 g AMPD	1.0 g AMPD	1.0 g AMPD
1.0 g PNPP (100 mg/mL)	2.0 g PNPP (200 mg/mL)	0.5 g PNPP (50 mg/mL)	2 g PNPP (200 mg/mL)
10 mL H ₂ O	10 mL H ₂ O	10 mL H ₂ O	10 mL H ₂ O
1 g charcoal	1 g charcoal	1 g charcoal	1 g charcoal

After storage overnight, the samples of the solutions were tested for background absorbance at 405 nm and all exhibited acceptable absorbances (*i.e.*, less than 0.1).